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Mr. Cristopher Anderson
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L.E. Carpenter & Company
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Re: L. E. Carpenter Superfund Site
Wharton, Morris County

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) and EPA have reviewed the *Revised Work Plan for Delineating and Characterizing Elevated Lead Concentrations in Soil* dated May 2001. The portions of the work plan related to the delineation of contamination is approved. The following are comments on other portions of the work plan.

1. Specific background sampling locations must be provided. Simply stating that locations will be selected in the field is not acceptable. Specific locations must be selected and approved by the Department and EPA in advance in order to ensure that all parties agree that they are representative of background. In addition, it is requested that a total of ten samples be collected instead of five as to better reflect background conditions.

As you are aware, the specific locations for background samples were requested in item 17 of the Department's December 21, 2000 letter to L.E. Carpenter. That comment was not addressed in this revised work plan, as required per paragraph 15 of the September 26, 1986 Administrative Consent Order. L.E. Carpenter must provide these sample locations on a map as well as a written justification as to why these locations were selected within seven (7) calendar days from receipt of this letter.

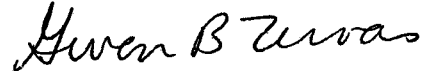
2. As outlined in Section 2, a focused feasibility study (FFS) will need to be conducted to evaluate potential alternatives in the event that L.E. Carpenter wants to recommend a change in the current ROD remedy. As part of the FFS, human health and ecological risk assessments will also need to be addressed.



3. The schedule provided states that a report will be submitted approximately 7 months from receipt of written approval from the Department and EPA. No specific dates were provided. L.E. Carpenter shall submit the final report by March 1, 2002.

Please feel free to contact me at (609) 633-7261 if you have any questions.

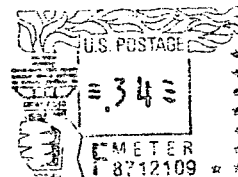
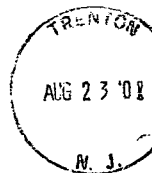
Sincerely,



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